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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM: [REDACTED]

Deputy Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Middle East Review

1. I met with [REDACTED] to discuss development of the roundup envisaged in the FY 80 Muslim World coverage plan.

2. We agreed the roundup should be called 'Middle East Review' and be produced five days a week except U.S. holidays, at London as envisaged in the action plan. It would be approximately one "take" (maximum two DR pages) and would be received at Headquarters in time for opening of business.

3. We agreed that the Review would cover current broadcasts and press from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Persian Gulf, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Arabian Peninsula, Libya, Arab-Israeli issues and Turkey internal.

4. The basic writer would be a GS-12 senior editor at the London Bureau who would spend about four hours a day in writing, and the remaining time preparing for the following day. He/she would be assisted by an FN professional, the latter to be hired in the next several months and who would have the qualification of being a good writer with Middle East academic background and qualified to prepare the roundup when the U.S. editor is unavailable. The Review would be reviewed by the Chief Editor prior to filing.

5. In view of her previous experience as a Middle East review writer at Medbureau and her present position as the M.E. substance person in AG, we recommend that [REDACTED] be assigned to London on TDY in mid-July to set up the Review process, arrange for appropriate raw materials from Middle East bureaus, and critique the Review during its first week or so of preparation. [REDACTED] has in mind assigning the writing of the Roundup for at least the first six months to [REDACTED] who will at that time be on PCS assignment to London.)

6. As for dissemination, we recommend the Review be carried on the Wire Service, published as a frontispiece in the Middle East

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